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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application after this amendment cancels claims 20 and 21. In view of the amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

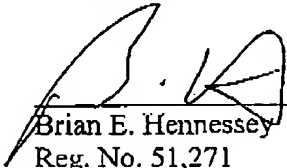
Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-19 are allowed.

Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,575,769 to Arnoldi (hereinafter referred to as Arnoldi). With the cancellation of claims 20 and 21, the rejection is obviated.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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